

Policy

Town of Scituate

Winter Salt Application Policy

Pre-Treatment

The Town of Scituate will use brine solution with the option of adding a % of Magic-O by Pro Melt. This shall be determined by the Highway Superintendent. Brine will be applied to the roads starting 48 hours prior to a forecast event.

Salt Application

If the Town is notified by the Police that there is an issue with the Roadways the Highway Superintendent will determine the extent of equipment required. The Highway Superintendent will also use forecast events to determine deployment of equipment.

Minor Event

Then one truck with a sander will be dispatched to do spot sanding taking into consideration areas the police or fire have notified as dangerous. If the spot sander is unable to keep up with the Roads then they will have the ability to call in additional equipment in support of the operation. The truck operator shall load his or her truck with salt.

Operation Event

In this case the Town has experienced sections of flash freezing, light snow or rain which has turned to ice and the roads have started to become dangerous for residential travel and first responders. The Highway Superintendent will bring in one loader operator, 4 sanders for the roadways and 2 sanders for all public buildings (school, town hall, library, transfer station etc...). All Major Public Roads will be treated and any areas such as hills and curves that are determined to be dangerous by the Highway Superintendent. Private ways shall not be treated.

Major Event

In this case the Town is experiencing large scale freezing due to snow or ice and deploys all 12 Town Sanders. The application rate shall be no more the 300#s per lane mile. All Public Roads shall be treated. Priority shall be placed on main roads, hills, curves, school bus routes and any areas designated by the Highway Superintendent.

Private ways will not be treated by the Town.